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In re the application of:	Timothy A. Bou	Attorney Docket No.:	49287.4.1
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For: REINFORCING SYSTEM FOR STACKABLE RETAINING WALL UNITS

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action of December 18, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the complete listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 and includes an attached annotated sheet showing changes in red.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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